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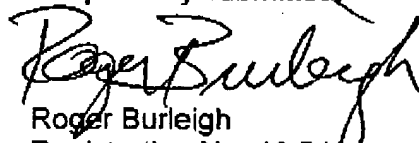
REMARKS

To clarify Applicants' response to the prior Office Action, with respect to the Examiner's prior restriction requirement, the Applicants elect claims 18-19; claims 20-26 are withdrawn. The Applicants traverse the restriction of claims 20-25.

Due to the claim amendments made in Applicants' prior response, the species recited in Claim 19 is now dependent from claim 18, which Applicants believe to be a generic claim patentable over the prior art of record. The Applicants traverse the restriction requirement of claims 20-25 on the basis that the species defined by those claims are not patentably distinct because they are obvious variants relating to image and video transcoding (conversion) hints. The generic claim 18 recites the limitation to the use of conversion hints transmitted along with multimedia information, which is not disclosed by any of the prior art of record, while claims 19-25 recite species of such transcoding hints. Provided that claim 18 is found to be novel and nonobvious over the prior art, the Applicants will request the rejoinder of all dependent claims prior to allowance.

The Applicants request a telephonic interview if the Examiner has any questions or requires any additional information that would further or expedite the prosecution of the Application.

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